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- 1. Uniunea Cooperativelor, one of the organizations belonging to Centrocop with which all the cooperatives in Rumania are affiliated, has 72 Centers in Rumania, each Center is responsible for a number of branches, which are found in almost all the small towns and villages. The Timisoara Center is located at 17 Strada Ungureanu and comprises 126 rural cooperatives, in as many villages. Uniunea Cooperativelor is composed of only the foodstuff purchasing and marketing cooperatives which deal in grain, fruit and vegetables. It has flour mills and enterprises for processing and preserving vegetables and fruit, and also engages in purchasing and marketing cattle, sheep and goats.
- 2. The suppliers of the Uniunea cooperatives are the state and collective farms as well as independent farmers. The products delivered to Uniunea include the compulsory quotas.
- 3. Agricultural production in the Timisoara district has dropped to 50 percent of the prewar level, the main reason being the departure of several thousand German families, who either fled with the German army or were expelled to the barren Baragan area in the Ialomita district. Total production in the Timisoara district in 1951 included the following: (Approximate figures)

a.	Potatoes	400,000 tons
	Corn	600,000 tons
•	Wheat	120,000 tons
	Barley and oats	20,000 tons
	Various oil seeds	15,000 tons
	Fruit	8,000 tons

4. The produce collected by Uniunea Cooperativelor is intended for local consumption as well as for export in accordance with plans worked out by Centrocop. The only details known are that 15,000 tons of potatoes were exported to Czechoslovakia in 1951, and that the best quality grain is sent to Constanta Harbor.

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5. Uniunea Cooperativelor at Timisoara supplies the Soviet Army and Rumanian Army units in the region with certain foodstuffs including potatoes, vegetables and flour. The supply is effected directly by Uniunea in close cooperation with the army supply organization Aproarm, housed at 2 Libertati Square in Timisoara. These supplies make up a considerable part of the Uniunea turnover.

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